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# Utah



## Information from the 2000 Census



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### **All about Age**

Of all 50 states, Utah has the youngest population. The median age (half of the population older and half younger) for the U.S. is 35.3 years. Utah's "middle age" is only 27.1, or just three-fourths of the U.S. Almost half of Utahns are under 25 as contrasted to the just over 1/3 of the nation's population.

Nearly half – 46 percent – of Utah households have persons under 18 in them. At the national level, that number is only 36 percent.

Reflecting its young population, Utah's proportion of older people is much smaller than the U.S. – eight percent of Utah inhabitants are 65+ with 12 percent of the nation falling in that category.

Utah's population is aging. In 1990, 77 percent of the population was younger than 35, by 2000, only 61 percent fell in that same age span.

### **In General**

Utah has proportionately fewer females (49.9 percent) than the U.S (50.9 percent ) where women actually outnumber men (because women live longer than men).

Over the decade of the 1990s, Utah's population grew, on average, at 1.6 percent per year compared to the nation at 1.2 percent per year.

### **Race and Ethnicity**

Utah's racial/ethnic composition is unique - much less diverse than the nation.

In Utah, 89 percent of the population is white, compared to 75 percent in the U.S.

Black or African Americans account for just 0.8 percent of Utah's total population. At the national level 12.3 percent of the population is Black or African American.

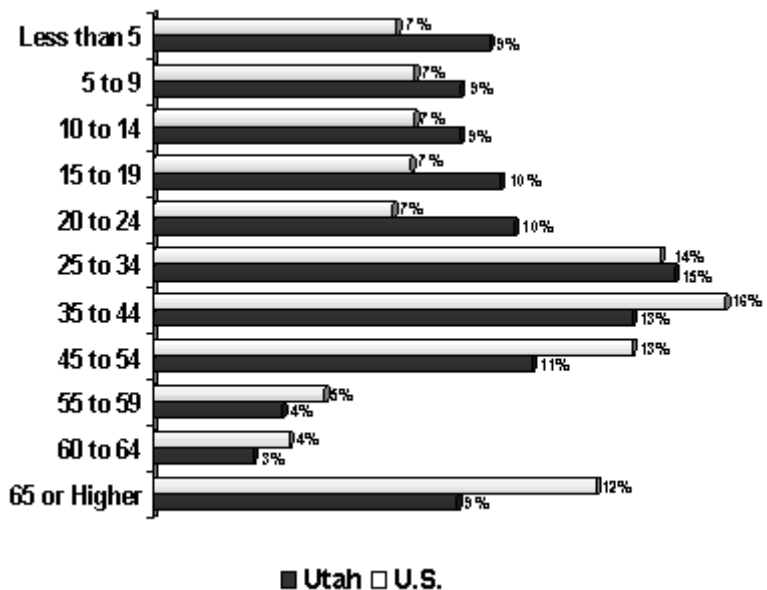
By far, the Hispanic population, at 9 percent, is Utah's largest minority group. In the U.S., 12.5 percent is Hispanic.

In Utah, 1.7 percent of residents are of Asian decent, half of this group's national figure of 3.6 percent.

American Indian and Alaska Natives occupy a 1.3 percent slice of Utah's population. Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders claim 0.7 percent of the total. In fact, these two groups in Utah have a higher percentage of the population than the nation as a whole. Nationally, the proportions are 0.9 percent and 0.1 percent respectively.

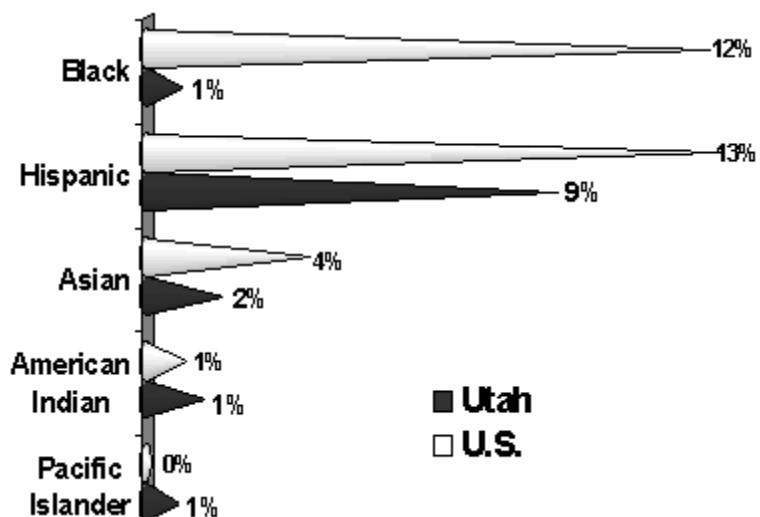
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## 2000 Population Age Distribution



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

## 2000 Racial and Ethnic Share of Population



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